Bicycle Master Plan Update

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- Overview of Bicycle Master Plan (BMP)
- 2012 Budget Allocation and Direction
- BMP Update Project Scope
- Public Engagement Process
- Next Steps





What is the Bicycle Master Plan?

 A blueprint for making improvements to Seattle's bicycle network since adoption in 2007



Two goals:

- Triple the amount of bicycling between 2007-2017
- Reduce the rate of bicycle collisions by one-third between 2007-2017



 Focused on completing the urban bicycle trail system and expanding on-street bicycle facilities







Why update the BMP?



 Assumed an update after five years (timeline of the plan is 2007-2017)



Fast-evolving best practices



 New thinking in bicycle facilities, including neighborhood facilities, safety, and design



Focus on a more dense, intra-neighborhood bike network



 Interest in a more data-driven methodology to identify gaps and priorities (similar to Pedestrian Master Plan)











Council Actions

- \$250,000 allocated in the 2012 Budget with reference to:
 - New facility types (neighborhood greenways and cycle tracks/separated facilities) integrated into the current plan network
 - Review and incorporate best practices from other cities
 - Include updated NACTO standards
 - Identify routes appropriate for neighborhood connections
 - Develop a process for prioritizing projects
 - Work with the City's transportation advisory boards





Plan Update Approach



Build on the foundation of the existing BMP



Leverage expertise from multiple sources:



Citizens and community stakeholders



City staff



Consultant team













Plan Update Elements

- Existing conditions and gap analysis
- Update of Network Map: Incorporation of new bicycle facility types (neighborhood greenways and cycle-tracks--low-stress facilities)
- Identification of areas of greatest need and priority for bicycle facilities
- Updates to bicycle design standards















Scope of Work

Task 1: Project Management

Task 2: State of Seattle's Bicycling Environment

- Existing conditions report (infrastructure and policies)
- Bicycle network gap analysis
- Best practices

Task 3: Update Seattle's Bicycling Policies

- Vision and goals
- Policy updates and refinements













Scope of Work (cont.)

Task 4: Identify High Priority Areas/Corridors

- Data-driven methodology
 - Existing bicycle counts and cycling conditions
 - Potential bicycle demand analysis
 - Equity analysis
 - Weighting system

Task 5: Update Seattle's Bicycling Network Map

- Update facility types and definitions
- Neighborhood greenways and cycle track analysis
- Crossing treatments (safe intersection design)
- Consideration of other travel modes
 - Mobility Corridors
- Updated network map
- Project list













Scope of Work (cont.)

Task 6: Identify Implementation Strategy

- Project prioritization
- Programmatic implementation actions
- Policy implementation actions
- End-of-trip facilities
- Maintenance actions
- Early design concepts for selected projects
- Funding strategy

Task 7: Public Outreach and Engagement

- SBAB as primary advisory board
- Broad public outreach and involvement
- Interaction with advisory boards and commissions
- Meetings with interested groups

Task 8: Develop Final Plan Document





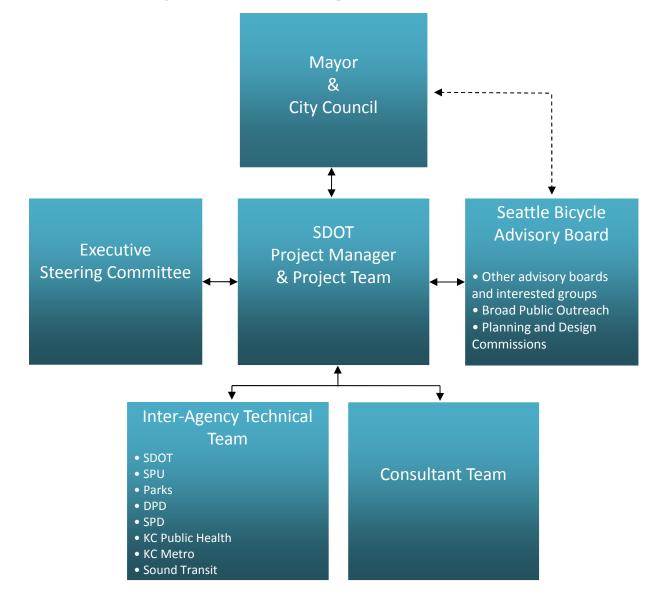








Project Organization















Public Engagement

- SBAB as primary advisory group
- Broad public engagement
 - Community meetings
 - Small group engagement
 - Meetings with interested stakeholders
 - Targeted outreach to under-represented populations
- Consultation with other transportation advisory boards and commissions
- Social media
 - Project website
 - SDOT Blog
 - Facebook
 - Online surveys



Timeline for the BMP update









Consultant selection and SOW

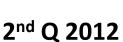
Begin
update,
public
engagement
process

Draft plan and public comment

Final plan and Council adoption









1st Q 2013











Next Steps on the BMP Update

- Begin Public Engagement Process
 - Finalize public engagement plan
 - On-line survey and mapping tool ready by May 1
- Development of Initial Tasks/Deliverables:
 - State of Seattle's Bicycling Environment (Existing Conditions Analysis)
 - Policy Review





Questions & Discussion



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